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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application

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**Pooling Connections Between Clients And Servers** 

Inventors:

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- 1. PTO Fee Transmittal;
- 2. Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
- 3. Form PTO-1449 listing ELEVEN (11) documents (1 page);
- 4. Copies of the ELEVEN (11) cited documents as listed on Form PTO-1449;
- 5. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$180.00 to cover the IDS filing fee; and
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